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Johnny Alegre
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Dear Johnny:

As we reflect on the 13th annual International Jazz Day, I am writing to extend my sincere appreciation for your participation. On behalf of UNESCO and the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and hope. This year's Host City of Tangier, Morocco marked an historic milestone – the first time our All-Star Global Concert and community programs visited the African continent, symbolizing the incredible power of music to transcend borders, heal divides and unite humanity.

In these challenging times, we should all be proud that the spirit of jazz prevails. From Mexico to Madagascar, from bustling concert halls to intimate community centers, musicians, supporters and fans in more than 190 countries came together for International Jazz Day 2024 to celebrate our shared commitment to peace and intercultural dialogue.

To the passionate individuals, artists, teachers, students, community organizers and volunteers who brought International Jazz Day 2024 to life: your commitment is nothing short of extraordinary. In a world often divided, you chose unity. Your efforts remind us that music remains one of humanity's most powerful tools for mutual understanding and respect.

As UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, I am profoundly moved by your steadfast commitment and dedication to sharing the universal language of jazz with people across the globe. I look forward to continuing our journey together when we celebrate International Jazz Day 2025, which will be hosted by Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. As always, please keep us informed of your plans by registering at www.jazzday.com/register. Feel free to contact our outreach team at outreach@jazzday.com with any questions you may have. Thank you again for all you do.

Sincerely,

Herbie Hancock
UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador
for Intercultural Dialogue